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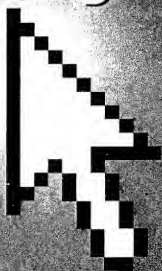


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**Apple Extended Keyboard.**

**Apple Filing Protocol** *n.* See AFP.

**Apple key** *n.* A key on Apple keyboards labeled with an outline of the Apple logo. On the Apple Extended Keyboard, this key is the same as the Command key, which functions similarly to the Control key on IBM and compatible keyboards. It is generally used in conjunction with a character key as a shortcut to making menu selections or starting a macro.

**Apple Macintosh** *n.* See Macintosh.

**Apple Newton** *n.* See Newton.

**AppleScript** *n.* A script language developed by Apple Computer, Inc., for Macintosh computers running under the Mac OS to execute commands and automate functions. See also script.

**AppleShare** *n.* A file server software developed by Apple Computer, Inc., that works with the Mac OS and allows one Macintosh computer to share files with another on the same network. See also file server, Mac OS.

**applet** *n.* A program that can be downloaded over the Internet and executed on the recipient's machine. Applets are often written in the Java programming language and run within browser software, and they are typically used to customize or add interactive elements to a Web page.

**AppleTalk** *n.* An inexpensive local area network developed by Apple Computer, Inc., for Macintosh computers that can be used by Apple and non-Apple computers to communicate and share resources such as printers and file servers. Non-Apple computers must be equipped with AppleTalk hardware and suitable software. The network

uses a layered set of protocols similar to the ISO/OSI reference model and transfers information in the form of packets called frames. AppleTalk supports connections to other AppleTalk networks through devices known as bridges, and it supports connections to dissimilar networks through devices called gateways. See also bridge, frame (definition 2), gateway.

**AppleTalk Phase 2** *n.* The extended AppleTalk Internet model designed by Apple Computer, Inc., that supports multiple zones within a network and extended addressing capacity.

**AppleWorks** *n.* A suite of productivity applications, formerly known as ClarisWorks, distributed by Apple Computer, Inc., and shipped on the iMac computer. AppleWorks/ClarisWorks is an integrated product that includes support for word processing, spreadsheets, databases, drawing, painting, charting, and the Internet.

**appliance** *n.* 1. See server appliance. 2. See information appliance. 3. A device with a single or limited purpose with functionality. This functionality is similar to a simple consumer appliance.

**appliance server** *n.* 1. An inexpensive computing device used for specific tasks including Internet connectivity or file-and-print services. The server is usually easy to use but does not possess the capabilities or software of a typical server for general office use. 2. See server appliance.

**application** *n.* A program designed to assist in the performance of a specific task, such as word processing, accounting, or inventory management. Compare utility.

**application binary interface** *n.* A set of instructions that specifies how an executable file interacts with the hardware